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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11 GERALD R. JOHNSON,

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 ROBERT NEUSCHMID,

15 Respondent.

16 No. 2:20-CV-1410-KJM-DMC-P

ORDER

17 Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this petition for a writ of
18 habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The matter was referred to a United States Magistrate
19 Judge as provided by Eastern District of California local rules.

20 On March 12, 2021, the Magistrate Judge filed findings and recommendations,
21 which were served on the parties and which contained notice that the parties may file objections
22 within the time specified therein. No objections to the findings and recommendations have been
23 filed.

24 The court presumes that any findings of fact are correct. *See Orand v. United*
25 *States*, 602 F.2d 207, 208 (9th Cir. 1979). The magistrate judge's conclusions of law are
26 reviewed de novo. *See Robbins v. Carey*, 481 F.3d 1143, 1147 (9th Cir. 2007) ("[D]eterminations
27 of law by the magistrate judge are reviewed de novo by both the district court and [the appellate]

1 court . . .”). Having reviewed the file, the court finds the findings and recommendations to be
2 supported by the record and by the proper analysis.

3 Under Rule 11(a) of the Federal Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, the Court
4 has considered whether to issue a certificate of appealability. Before Petitioner can appeal this
5 decision, a certificate of appealability must issue. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b).
6 Where the petition is denied on the merits, a certificate of appealability may issue under 28
7 U.S.C. § 2253 “only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a
8 constitutional right.” 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). The court must either issue a certificate of
9 appealability indicating which issues satisfy the required showing or must state the reasons why
10 such a certificate should not issue. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 22(b). Where the petition is dismissed on
11 procedural grounds, a certificate of appealability “should issue if the prisoner can show: (1) ‘that
12 jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the district court was correct in its procedural
13 ruling’; and (2) ‘that jurists of reason would find it debatable whether the petition states a valid
14 claim of the denial of a constitutional right.’” *Morris v. Woodford*, 229 F.3d 775, 780 (9th Cir.
15 2000) (quoting *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 120 S. Ct. 1595, 1604 (2000)). For the reasons
16 set forth in the Magistrate Judge’s findings and recommendations, the court finds that issuance of
17 a certificate of appealability is not warranted in this case.

18 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

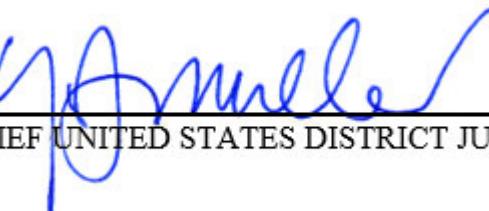
19 1. The findings and recommendations filed March 12, 2021, are adopted in
20 full;

21 2. Respondent’s unopposed motion to dismiss, ECF No. 17, is granted;

22 3. The Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability; and

23 4. The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter judgment and close this file.

24 DATED: July 7, 2021.

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26 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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